

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO AMEMBASSY ACCRA

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AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

AMCONSUL DOUALA

AMCONSUL KADUNA

AMCONSUL IBADAN

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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TAGS: CASC, DM

SUBJ: REIMBURSEMENT OF LOST TRAVELERS' CHECKS IN DAHOMEY

REQUEST THAT POST BRING TO ATTENTION OF ALL AMERICAN  
TOURISTS EN ROUTE TO DAHOMEY THE FOLLOWING NOTICE:  
TRAVELERS ARE CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING LONG DELAYS OF UP  
TO FOUR WEEKS IN OBTAINING REIMBURSEMENT OF LOST OR STOLEN  
TRAVELERS' CHECKS IN DAHOMEY. THIS DELAY IS DUE TO THE  
REORGANIZATION OF THE LOCAL BANKING SYSTEM FOLLOWING  
THE NATIONALIZATION OF THE LAST TWO PRIVATE BANKS  
IN DAHOMEY ON JUNE 27. THUS FAR, DELAYS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED  
ONLY WITH FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK TRAVELERS' CHECKS, BUT  
THE EMBASSY EXPECTS THAT SIMILAR PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE WITH AMERICAN  
EXPRESS TRAVELERS' CHECKS. SIMILAR DELAYS MUST BE EXPECTED  
FOR ANY TRANSFERS OF FUNDS THROUGH THE BANKING SYSTEM IN  
DAHOMEY. IN LIGHT OF THIS, TOURISTS PASSING THROUGH DAHOMEY  
ARE URGED TO EXERCISE EXTRA CAUTION IN HANDLING THEIR MONEY  
AND BE PREPARED TO SUFFER THROUGH A LONG WAIT UNTIL FUNDS  
ARRIVE, IF THEY RUN SHORT OF MONEY. END TEXT.

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